8	Mr R V Suryanarayana	-	Senior Technical Officer
9	Mr P W Parwani	-	Technical Officer

Shrot Term (Upto 3 months)

1	Mr J Keller	-	Dnp & Sprinkler Irrigation System Design & Layout
2	Mr Lyn Johnson	-	System Analysis in Water Management
3	Mr S Christopher	-	Social Sciences
4	Mr J A Replogle		System Rehabilitation
5	Mr G Skogerboe		Main System Operation & Management

Closing of some Divisions in I T I. Bangalore

5270 SHRI PRITHVIRAJ D CHAVAN
SHRI G MADEGOWDA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal to close down strowger and cross bar divisions in Bangalore Unit of Indian Telephone Industries,

(b) if so the total number of employees working in these units, and

(c) the steps taken to utilise the services of these employees in the event of closing down of the above units?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU). (a) The Strowger division (except for spares and the Cross Bar division of ITI, Bangalore have already been closed since April 1990 and April, 1988 respectively

(b) The number of employees working in Strowger division and Corss Bar divisions at the time of phasing out of the units were 4162 and 2211 respectively

(c) As many number of the employees as possible who were rendered surplus due to the closure of these divisions have by now been trained in the manufacture of electronic switches and redployed in the new production lines and other production divisions of Bangalore complex and also at the electronic city unit at Bangalore

Proposal from NRI for Independent T.V. Channels

5271. SHRI CHANDRAJEET YADAV Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Government have received any proposals from NRIs and foreign companies to open independent television

channels in the country,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) While Government have not invited any proposal in this regard a number of parties have evinced interest in the matter

(b) A list is given is Statement

(c) Government have taken note of the contents of these proposals

STATEMENT

List of NRIs/foreign companies who have evinced interest in operating independent television channels in the country

S No	*Name of the Party*
1	*2*
1	M/s International Television Broadcasting INC, New York
2	World Enterprises, Los Angeles, USA
3	Asian Television Network Canada
4	The Dorcas Foundation, Bensalem P A 19020 U S A
5	S T Broadcasting Corporation ROCKVILILE, MD 20852 (USA)

[*Translation*]

Financial Assistance for 'Sinhasth Purv', 1992

5272 SHRI YOGANAND SARASWATI
SHRI ARVIND NETAM

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have received a proposal from the Government of Madhya Pradesh seeking financial assistance for 'Sinhasth Purv' 1992, and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, During